

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is being made to place the application in condition for examination. Applicant respectfully asserts that the foregoing amendment merely addresses correction of informalities. Moreover, Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendment does not narrow the scope of the claims. Accordingly, Applicant does not intend to acquiesce any subject matter by this amendment. A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

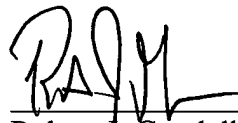
If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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